### State of Rhode Island Department of Administration

# INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## Office of Accounts and Control

**TO:** Chief Financial Officers **DATE:** April 24, 2003

State Departments and Agencies

**FROM:** Lawrence C. Franklin, Jr., State Controller

**SUBJECT:** "How To" Memos from Purchasing

Attached please find three memo's related to Purchasing Procedures.

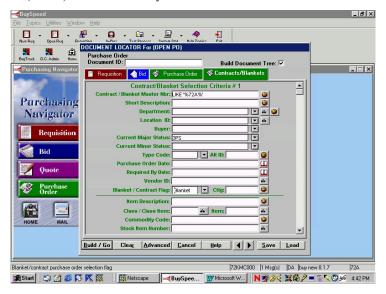
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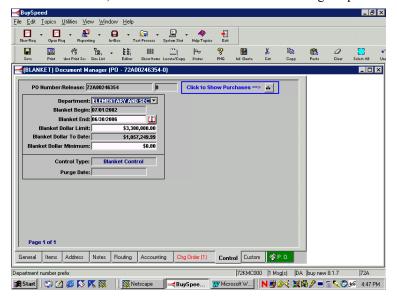
#### "HOW TO" CLOSE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER RELEASE

Open Market Purchase Orders and Blanket Purchase Order Releases encumber funds. On a Release you can encumber any amount up to the Control Value set in the Blanket Master. You can increase or reduce encumbered funds by creating change orders. When you increase or reduce a release, the ability to create additional releases is affected. Increasing a release reduces the amount of funds available for future releases or increasing change orders. Reducing a release makes more funds available for future releases or encumbrances. At the end of each fiscal year, blanket releases with prior fiscal year accounts must be closed and new releases created using the new fiscal year accounts. It is important that when releases are closed that the unused balance of the PO release be made available. However, remember, once a PO has been closed you can no longer make payments or post receipts, so be careful.

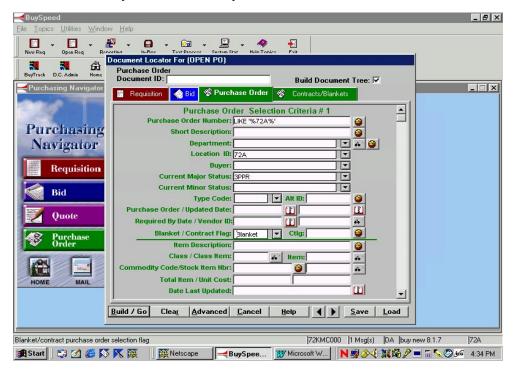
1. If you want to look at Blanket Masters you click on the "Contracts/Blankets" Tab. **NOTE**: Entering a major status of 3PS ("sent") will retrieve only active blankets.



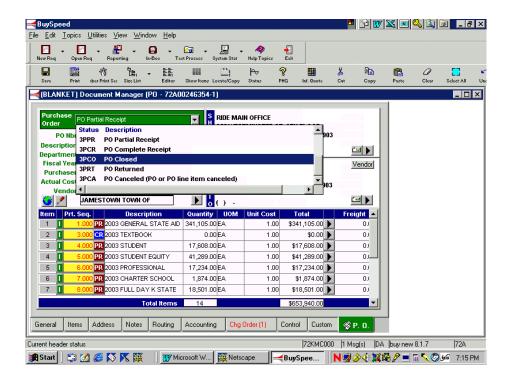
2. In the sample below, the Contols for grants to the Town of Jamestown are a blanket period end date of 6/30/2006 and a maximum expenditure level (Control Value, Blanket Dollar Limit). The "blanket dollar to date" field is the total of all releases made against the Blanket Master. In this instance, the agency can create additional releases for up to an additional \$2,242,750 between now and June 30, 2006. If the purchase orders are closed through the final pay process, the encumbrance would be offset by a "z" transaction. However, it would not reduce the amount in the "dollar to date" field. To assure that unspent release encumbrances reduce the amount in this field, the User should close the Release using the procedure below.



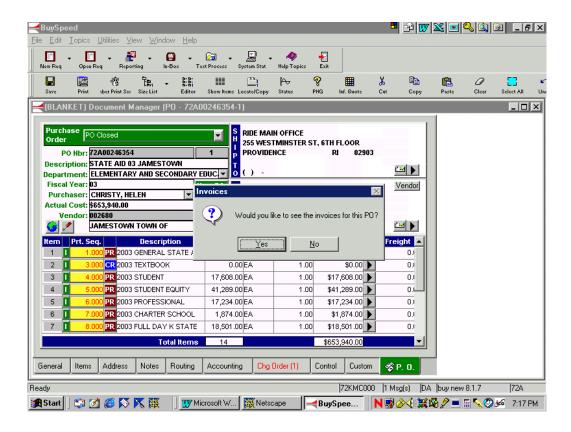
3. Find the PO or a series of POs through the Document Locator Screen. In the sample below, the criteria will limit the documents "found" to "blanket" type purchase orders in location 72A with a PO number containing "72A, in "partial receipt" status. **NOTE**: By entering a major status on the Document Locator screen like "partial receipt" or "complete receipt" you will avoid retrieving documents which have already been closed or cancelled. By entering the location prefix of the PO number ("72A") all MPA (68M) releases will be excluded from the search. If you want to look only at MPA releases enter "68M" in the PO number field.



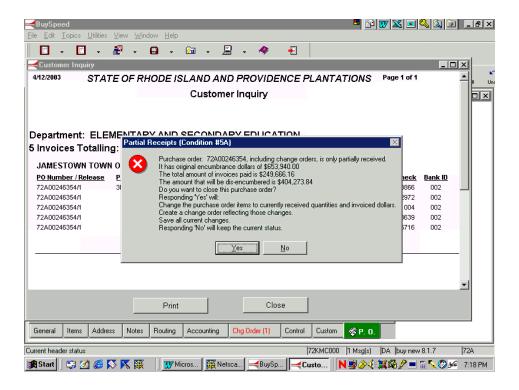
4. In the sample there are two releases for "Jamestown" in partial receipt. Open the document by double-clicking on the document number. Click on the PO Header Status field drop down list and select "closed."



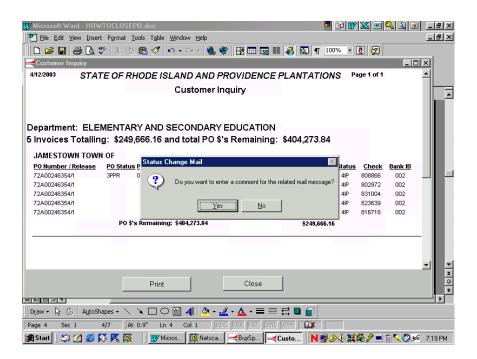
5. The Header status will change to "closed" and a message will appear asking if you want to see the invoices for this PO.



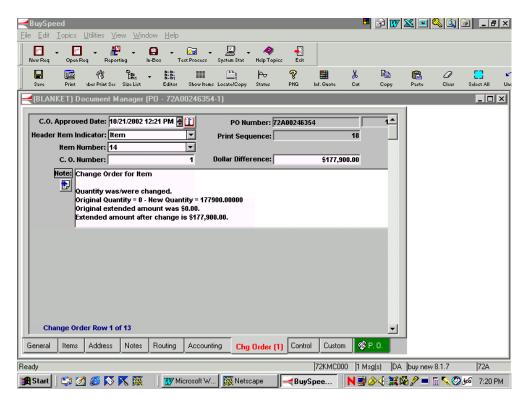
6. If you click the "yes" button the, a message will appear telling you the original encumbrance value of the PO and how much will be disencumbered if you close it.



7. If you click on the "yes" button, a message will appear asking if you want an email notification sent to the document originator regarding the change in status of the document. Click on "NO."

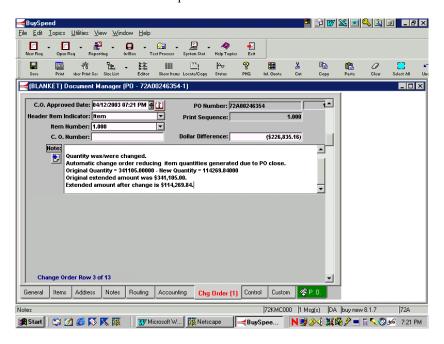


8. At this point you can review the "Customer Invoice Inquiry" Report and print it (click on print button below the report) if you wish. If ALL of the invoices are in either "Cancelled" (4IC) OR "Paid" (4IP) status, you will be able to proceed with closing the document. Click on the "close" button below the report. The system will bring you to the top of the "Change Order" screen. If there have been previous change orders you will be at the first one. In the sample there is a change order number "1" in the CO (change order) Number field and it was for adding data item "14" print sequence item "18." Scroll down until you see the first blank CO number field.

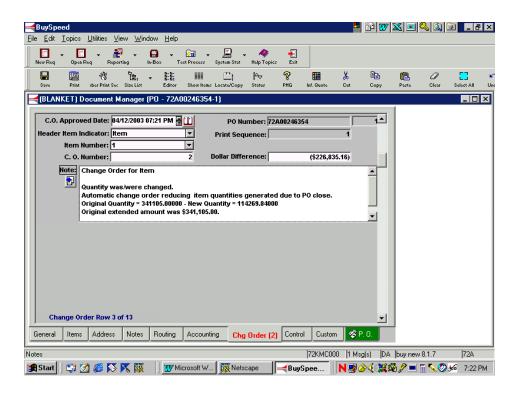


9. The system has not yet created the PO Close change order. It is giving you time to review the changes for all line items before you save the document. The "notes" field contains the automatically generated change order

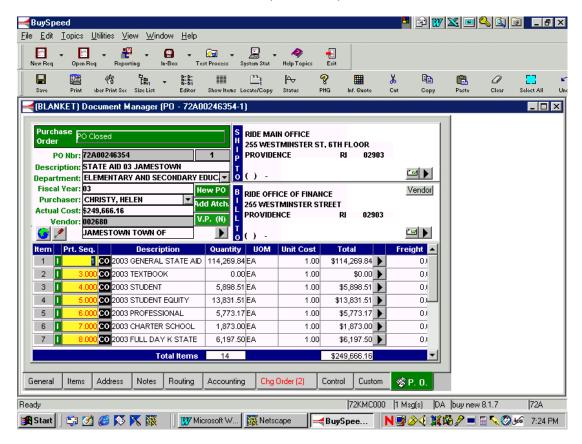
description. If you cannot see the whole description, click into the "notes" field and you will be able to scroll up or down to review the wording. **NOTE:** The system creates a change order which explains that there was an automatic change order generated and what the changes were. Review all of the line item changes before you save because once you save there is no way to reverse the process. If you decide not to proceed, exit the document and, when you get a message asking if you want to save click on "NO." Your changes will not be saved and the document will revert to its previous status.



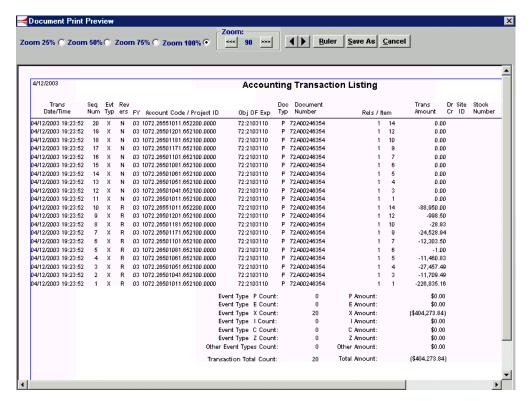
10. Once you are satisfied, click the "save" icon on the toolbar. The Change Order tab will show a new change order number. In the sample this changes from 1 to 2. The system will bring you to the first change order. If you scroll down you will see that the automatic change orders now have a change order number in the CO Number field.



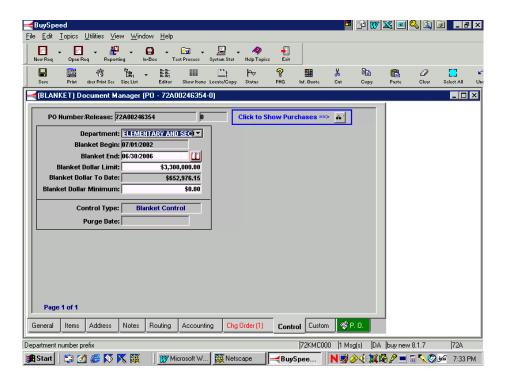
11. If you click on the PO tab, you will see that all of the line item statuses have been changed to "CO" (closed) and the amount of the PO has been reduced from \$653,940 to \$249,666.16.



12. If you review the Accounting Transactions for the PO, you will see that the remaining encumbrances have been reversed and \$0 balances posted for the line items.

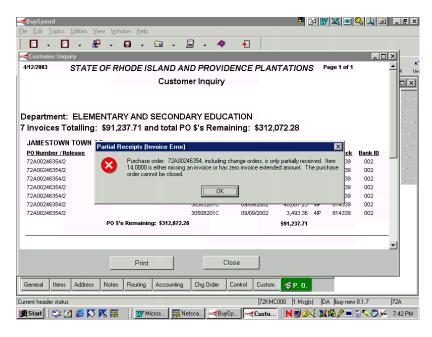


13. If you look at the Blanket Master you will see that the Blanket Dollar to Date field has been updated to reflect the auto close change order reduction. The User can now create new releases or change orders for \$2,647,023.85 instead of \$2,242,750.

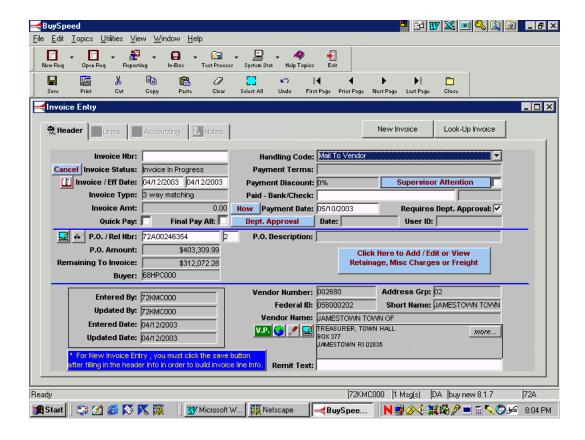


**NOTE:** If all invoices have either been paid (4IP) or cancelled (4IC), the system will allow the PO to close. If there are any unpaid invoices in either 4II, 4IR, 4IA or 4IRT status, you will not be able to close the PO until all invoices in process have been paid. If there are any uninvoiced receipts the system will not allow the PO to close. You must make sure that all receipts are invoiced and all invoices are paid. The system will advise when there are unpaid receipts.

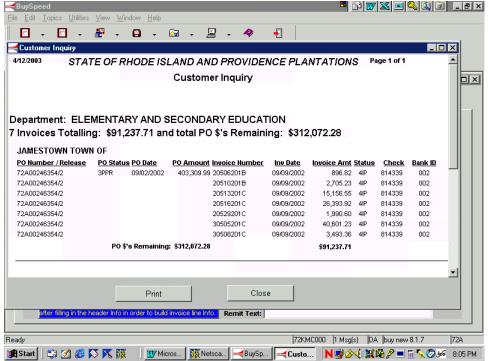
14. If there are uninvoiced receipts, when you try to close a document, you will get the following message:



15. You can jump to the Invoice Entry Screen by hitting Ctrl E on the keyboard. Enter the PO and Release number.

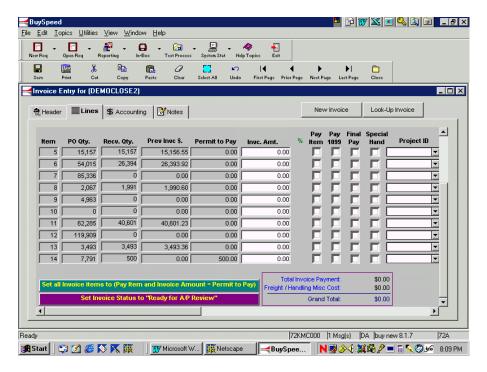


16. Remember that you can always check the status of all other invoices for a PO by clicking on the "television screen" to the left of the PO number. In this example, all invoices are in paid status. You can enter the invoice now or later.

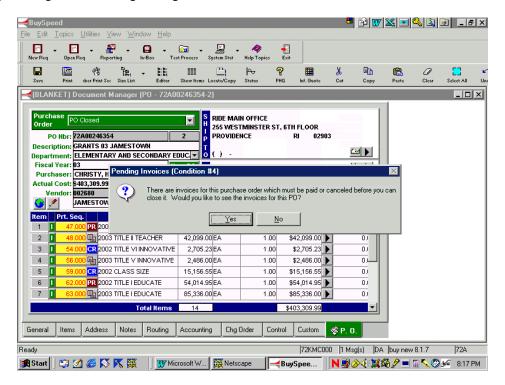


17. When you have entered the invoice, click on the Lines Tab. There will be a value greater than \$0 in the "Permit to Pay" field. (See last line in sample.) That means that a receipt has been recorded. If all other invoices are either in paid or cancelled status the Permit to Pay amount should be the correct payment amount. If you are not sure that the amount due is equal to the permit to pay amount, check your hard copy

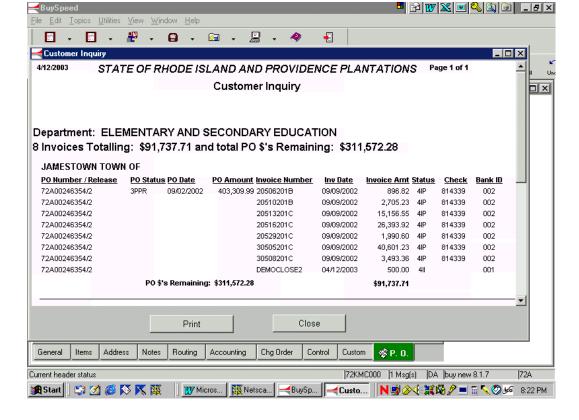
invoices and/or the PO receipts. If you are sure the permit to pay amount is correct, enter the permit to pay amount in the invoice amount field and check the pay item box. If the receipts have been incorrectly recorded they may be corrected.



18. You will not be able to complete the PO Close process on this PO until the invoice is in paid status. If you try you will get the following message:



19. The Customer Inquiry Report will show the status of all invoices. In the sample there is one in Initiated Status. Until that invoice is in paid status you will not be able to close the PO.

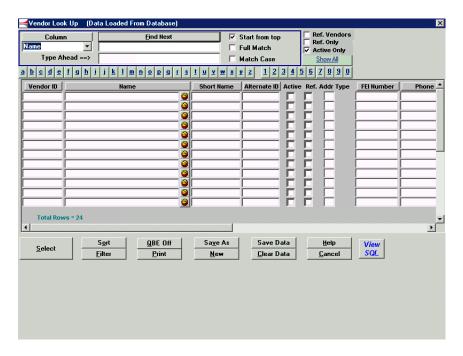


20. Make a list of the outstanding invoices and POs if you want to track their progress.

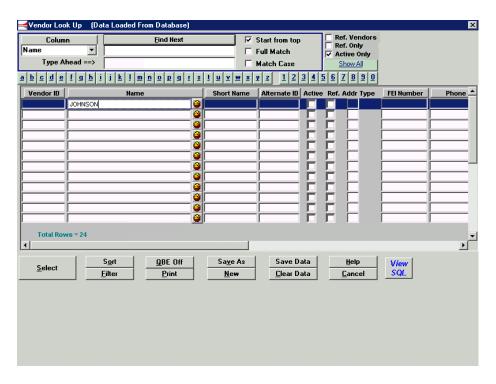
# "HOW TO" USE VENDOR LOOKUP IN QBE MODE

The number of vendors in the system has grown so much that opening the Vendor Lookup Screen takes longer to load than we would like. Therefore, the Vendor Lookup Screen will now open in QBE (Query By Example) Mode. The following Samples show how to use this screen to the best advantage. In QBE mode you can insert "like" statements so that the computer can retrieve data which look "like" the criteria you have selected.

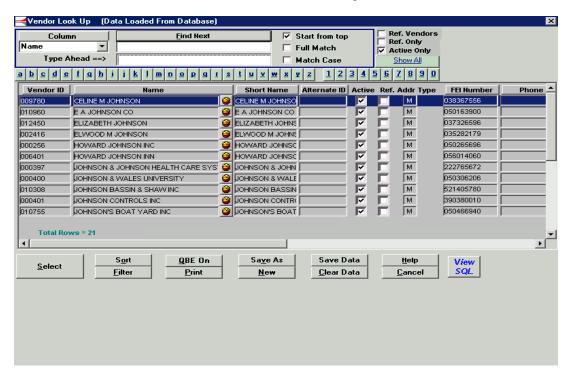
1. Open the Vendor Lookup Screen. There are many ways to find the same information.



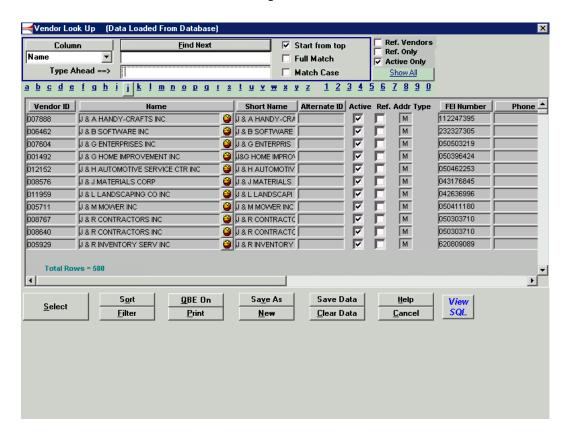
2. If you wanted to find a vendor whose name is Johnson, but you don't know whether the name in the system starts with Johnson (e.g., Johnson Controls or Howard Johnson, Inc.), type the name into the name field.



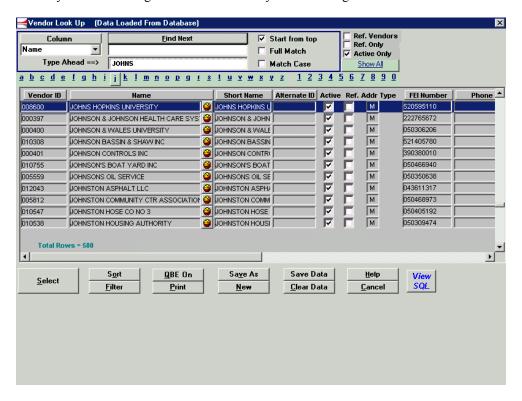
3. Then click on the yellow "basketball" to the right of the field. The system will automatically insert a "like" statement into the field and retrieve all names containing the characters you have entered. In the sample it is the word "JOHNSON." Notice all of the variations of the word in the sample.



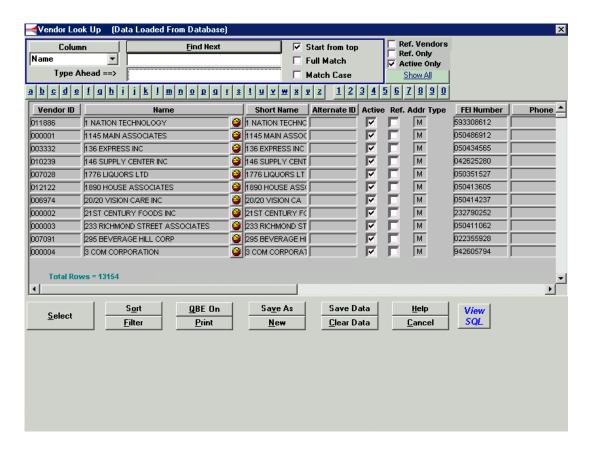
4. If you know that the name begins with Johnson, you can just click on the green "J" button. The system will insert a statement to retrieve all vendors whose name begins with "J."



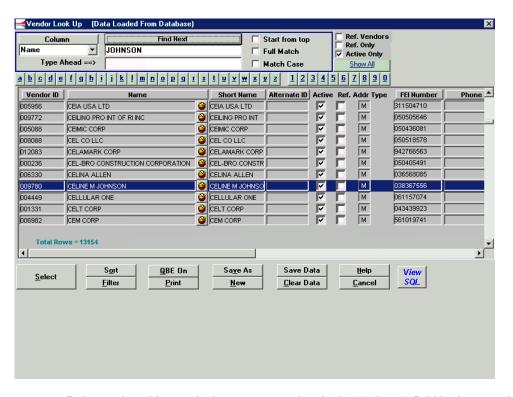
5. To find Johnson companies you can scroll through the list or you can click into the "Type Ahead field." As you enter each letter you will be brought closer to the name you are looking for.



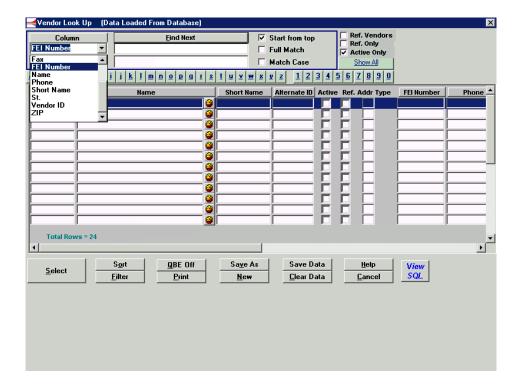
6. If you want to retrieve all vendors, click on the "QBE Off" button at the bottom of the screen.



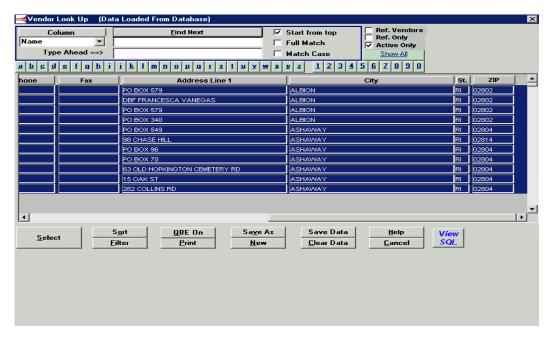
7. If you want to find any vendor containing the name "JOHNSON" within the entire list you can enter the word "JOHNSON" in the "Find Next" field and then click on the "Find Next" button. This will bring you to the first vendor containing the name "JOHNSON." Each time you click the button the search will bring you to the next vendor containing the name "JOHNSON."



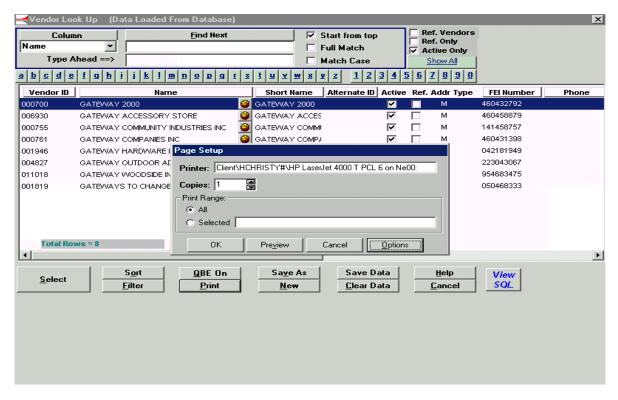
8. If you want to find a vendor with a particular Tax ID Number, in the "Column" field in the upper left of the screen, you can select the FEI Number. You can then select a beginning number from the green number buttons and use the Type Ahead to find the correct vendor.



9. If you want to find a local office, type "RI" in the "state" field of the address. Click on the QBE Off button. The system will retrieve only RI vendors. You can then click on the City column header button to sort alphabetically by city.



10. Anytime you have retrieved data you can then print the results. Click on the Print button at the bottom of the screen. You can preview the data or print.



11. This report will automatically print in portrait layout. You can select print options to change the page orientation to landscape and the paper size to legal. However, due to the Citrix software some printers do not print correctly. Contact the Technical Support staff if you have a problem.

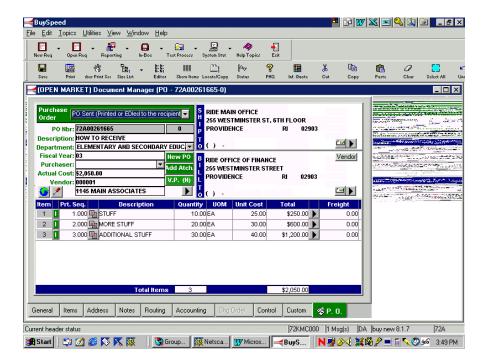
### "HOW TO" RECEIVE GOODS

To record a receipt a PO must be at least in PO Sent OR Partial Receipt status. Once a PO is in Complete Receipt status you cannot receive more than what was ordered. However, if a Change Order is issued to increase the line item quantity or to add new line items, the status of the PO will change to Partial Receipt and new receipts can be created.

The following instructions are for when you are recording multiple receipts and/or making multiple payments. If you are not making multiple payments, the easiest way to record receipts is to "Quick Pay" your invoice. Remember that when you "Quick Pay" the invoice is automatically marked "Final Pay" and the system records all Receipts as "Complete" and closes the PO.

**NOTE**: There is a revised Receiving Screen which will be easier to work with because it shows both the data item number and the print sequence number of a line item. In addition, the receipts are in numerical order for each line item so it will be easier to copy and create the next receipt.

1. Below is a sample PO. Notice the line item and print sequence numbers.

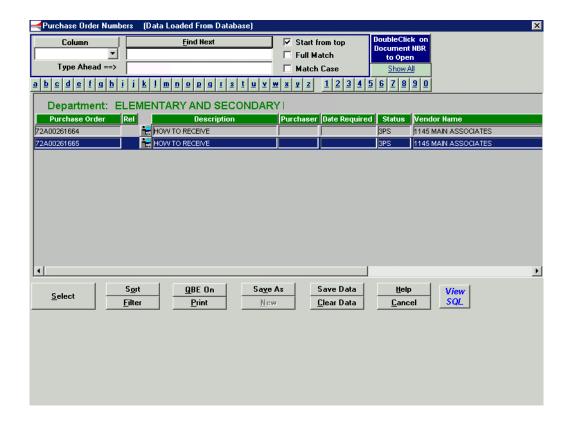


2. To create the first receipt for a PO, open a blank Receiving Screen. Either enter the PO and Release Number or, if you don't know the PO and Release number, use the "Lookup" screen to locate the document. When in the "QBE" mode (query by example) use as many criteria (information in a data field) as you can to narrow the number of documents retrieved from your search. Since this is the first receipt to be created, enter a PO status of 3PS (Purchase Order Sent) and a portion of the PO Header Description or other appropriate criteria.

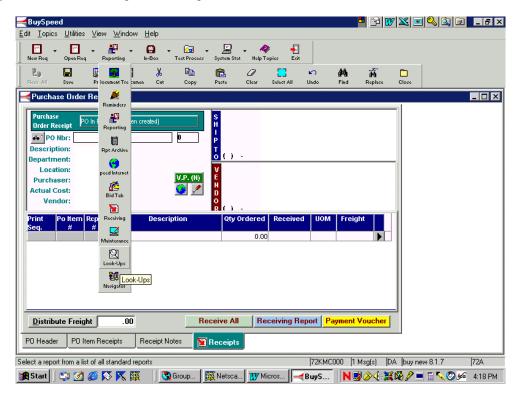
To search for a portion of the data in a field type the word LIKE followed by a single quote, a % sign (wild card), the part of the data you want, followed by a % sign, followed by a single quote. SAMPLE. LIKE'%HOW TO%' in the description field or LIKE'72A%' in the PO number field.

If you are receiving against a blanket release and you don't want to see the Blanket Master, enter >0 in the Release Number field. If you know your release is greater than 5 enter >5.

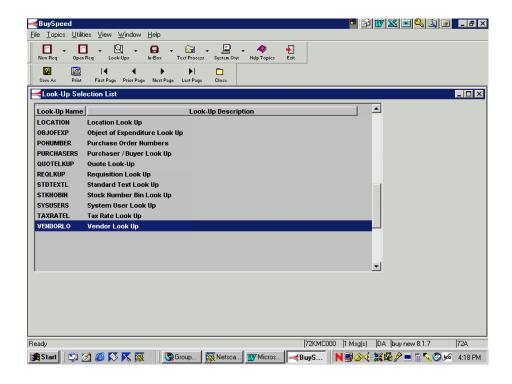
Once you have entered your criteria, click on the "QBE Off" button at the bottom of the screen. One or more POs will be listed. Either double-click on the one you want or highlight it and click on the "Select" button at the bottom of the screen.



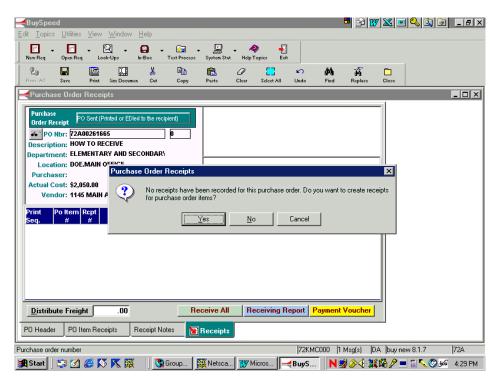
If you want to find the PO by Vendor, you must know the vendor number. To find that number, before you use the PO Lookup, while in the blank Receipts screen, select Lookups from the Toolbar or Topics menus or use the Ctrl+Sft+L keyboard combination to get the Lookup menu.



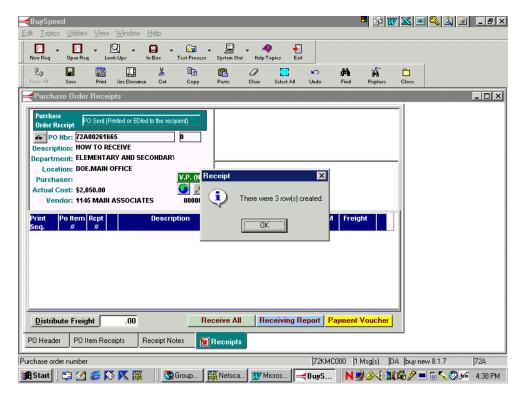
3. Select Vendor Lookup. Once you have obtained the Vendor Number you can use it to find the right Purchase Order.



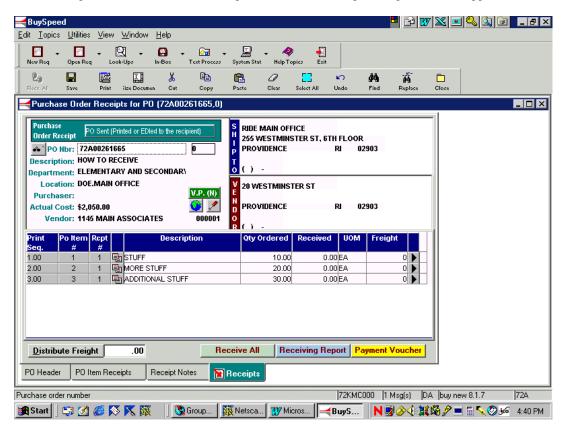
4. Once the PO has been selected (remember if you enter the number directly you must tab out of the field) a message will appear, telling you that there are no receipts for the po and asking if you want to create receipts. Select the "yes" button. **NOTE:** Anytime you add a line item the system will ask you if you want to create a receipt. You must always say "YES" or your invoices will not show the line items and you will be unable to pay.



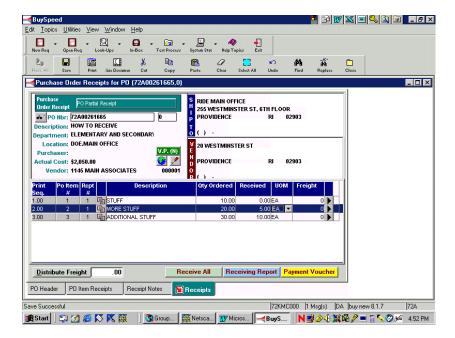
5. Once you have selected "yes" the system will tell you how many lines have been created.



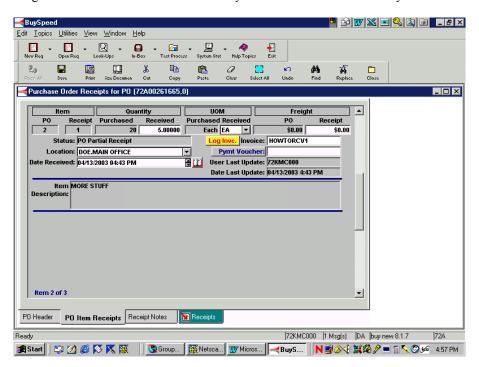
6. In the sample see that the PO and Receipt data line items and print sequences both appear.



7. Enter the quantity received for each line item. At this point you can save. Once you save, notice that the PO Status at the top left of the screen has changed from PO Sent to Partial Receipt.

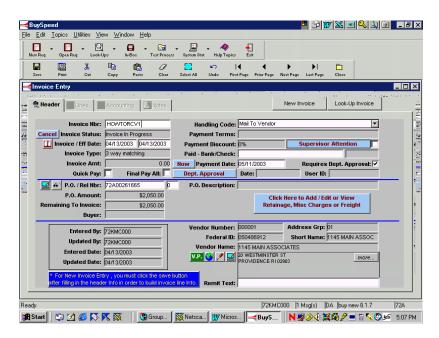


8. If you want to log a payment immediately click on the triangle at the right of a line item. This will bring you to the line item detail screen. Although not required, it is suggested that you enter the invoice number associated with the receipt for tracking purposes. Notice that the system has entered a received date equal to the date the receipt was created. You can change the date to the real received date if you wish but it is not necessary.

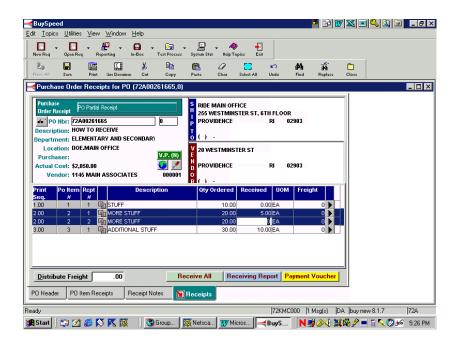


To copy the invoice number from one item to the other, highlight the invoice number, hit the Ctrl+C (copy) keyboard combination, scroll or page down to the next item you want, hit the Ctrl+V (paste) keyboard combination in each appropriate line item. Then save.

9. To pay the invoice, click on the yellow "Log Invoice" button. This will bring you to the Invoice entry screen. Notice that the correct PO and Release Number are already entered into the invoice. If you have entered the invoice number in the Receipts screen and copied it, you can click into the Invoice Number screen and hit the Ctrl+V keyboard combination to enter it into the invoice screen.

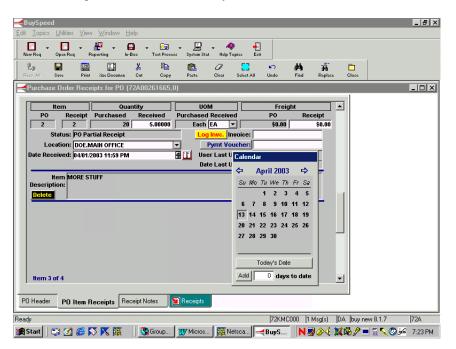


10. To record multiple receipts to the same line item, highlight the most recent receipt line for a line item and then click on the "copy" icon in the field to the right of the Receipt Number field. You will get a message asking if you want to create another receipt for the line item. (This gives you a chance to check to make sure you are creating the receipt for the correct line item. If you need to escape click on the "cancel" button and the copy procedure will abort.) If you select the "yes" button a copy of the line item will appear with 0 quantity received. Notice that the sample now has two line item 2's. Each receipt for a line item will have an automatically assigned number. They will appear in numerical order in the receipt screen. When creating new receipts ALWAYS select the last (highest number) receipt for a line item.

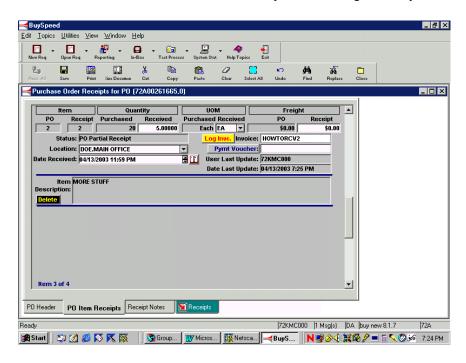


11. Click on the triangle to the right of the "freight" field for the receipt you just created. This will bring you to the item detail screen. Enter the received quantity in the "received" field.

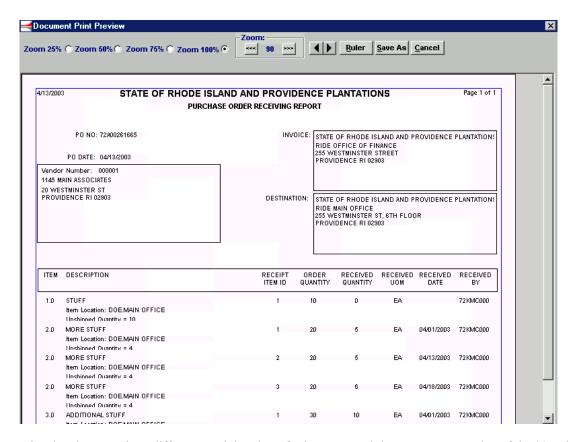
12. Notice that the date received was copied from the previous receipt but the invoice number was not. To change the date you can either enter the correct date or use the system calendar. Click on the calendar to the right of the date received field. Notice that it defaults to today's date. To enter a date in the field, select a date and double-click on it. Repeat for each receipt. You can use the Ctrl+C keyboard to copy the date from one new receipt to another. However, if there are a lot of receipts and line items it is easy to make mistakes, so be careful.



13. You can enter the invoice number at the same time you are entering the receipt date.

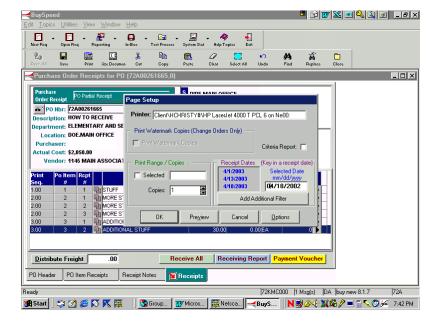


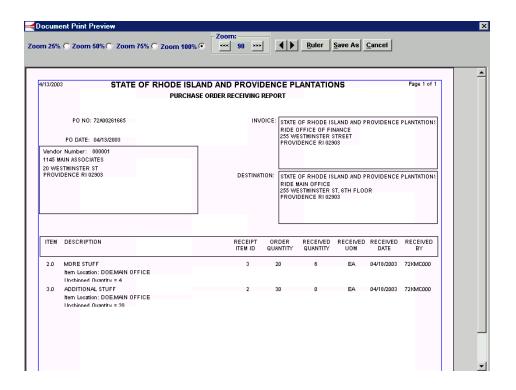
14. If you want to review all of the receipts, from the Receipts Tab, click on the "Receiving Report" button. The following screen will appear. Notice that there are multiple dates. If you click on the "preview" button you will see the following. If you select "print" you will get a hard copy.



Notice that there are three different receiving dates for item two and the system reports that of the 20 ordered there is an unshipped quantity of 4 (20 - 5 - 5 - 6 = 4).

15. If you want to print the receiving report related to the invoice you are submitting, enter the date(s) of the receipts in "selected date" field.





#### GETTING TO THE RECEIPTS SCREEN

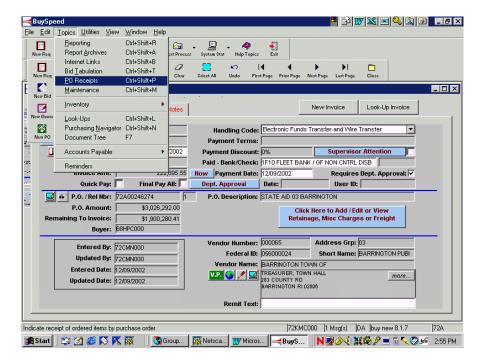
- 1. There are three ways to get to the blank Receiving Screen.
  - From the Navigator in "home" position, click on the Receipts button.



• From any screen you can select Receipts from the Toolbar or Topics Dropdown menus to open the Receipts screen.



Receiving is readily available even from the invoice screen. Remember, you can use the toolbar in ANY document screen.



♦ From a Purchase Order in Partial or Complete Receipt, when you click on any "PR" or "CR" in the field next to the print sequence number, you are automatically brought to the Receipts Screen for that PO.

